



# CROFTON CLUSTER Extended Services News

Crofton, Crofton Anne Dale Infants, Crofton Anne Dale Juniors,  
Crofton Hammond Infants, Crofton Hammond Juniors

Spring 2010  
Newsletter

Extended Schools  
'Making a Difference'

## Bringing Chemistry to life



Science



On Saturday 7th November children and parents from Crofton School took part in the 'Chemistry is Fun' workshop. The group spent the morning finding out about what

goes into hand creams and bath bombs and then they had the opportunity to make their own products in the school labs. The morning was a great success. Parents enjoyed working with their children and learning about what happens in a Science class and everyone went away with their handmade products to try out at home.



## February Half Term

### Multi Sports (C1)

Crofton School, Sports Hall

### Football Fun week (F1)

Crofton School, Playing Field

Monday—Friday

10.00am—3.00pm

Age 4—14yrs

£50 full week/£12 per day

Elite Soccer

Free phone: 08081 444 099



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**Please tell us what you think about your local Extended Services by completing the enclosed Parent Questionnaire. All returned questionnaires will be submitted into a free draw for a £25 Marks & Spencer voucher. The questionnaire is also available to download from the Crofton School website.**

## The World of Physics



### Water Rockets, Volcanoes and the Myth of Electricity

Crofton School

Years 7 –11

Saturday 13th March

9.00am – 12.00 noon

A fun family session for young people and their parents/carer. FREE, but places are limited - booking is essential

Tel: 01329 664251

### Trampoline & Gymnastics

Crofton School, Gymnasium

Tuesday & Thursday

9.15am - 3.15pm

£15 full day/£9 half day

for Year R – Year 8

Stubbington Springboard  
Gymnastics Club

Linda Reeve

Tel: 07930 856572

Closing date for bookings 11th February

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## Adult Education



**Step Up to Photoshop**  
**Tuesdays, 6.00—8.00pm**  
**18th May - 29th June**

Learn how to make the most of your digital photos by enhancing and manipulating your images with creative editing techniques.

**Step Up to Computing**  
**Wednesdays, 6.00—8.00pm**  
**19th May - 30th June**



Suitable for beginners this course will cover buying a computer, email, internet, EBay and booking a holiday online.

Courses will be held at Crofton School and are open to all. Places are FREE but limited so booking is essential. Confirmation and details will be sent to you one week before the start of your course. To reserve your place t: 01329 664251 or Email: [asloan@crofton.hants.sch.uk](mailto:asloan@crofton.hants.sch.uk).

### Looking for a course?

Would you like to learn a new skill, develop your personal interests or gain a qualification. A full range of Adult Education classes are available in the Fareham area. To find one that's right for you visit the websites below, or see the full Adult Learning brochure for all courses in Fareham & Gosport on the Crofton School website.

**Hampshire Learning**  
[www3.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-learning](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-learning)

**Next Steps**  
[www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk)

**Hot courses**  
[www.hotcourses.com](http://www.hotcourses.com)

**Fareham College**      [www.fareham.ac.uk](http://www.fareham.ac.uk)  
**Highbury College**    [www.highbury.ac.uk](http://www.highbury.ac.uk)

See back page for community school websites.

## Support for parents



### Understanding Children's/Teens' Behaviour

5 week course for parents/carers

#### Top Tips

#### Practical Strategies/Hints

#### Time to listen to you!

The course will explore the common concerns parents have about their child's behaviour and look at ways to improve your relationship with your child/teen through better communication.

Every Tuesday for 5 weeks starting

**Tuesday 2nd March, 7.00-9.00pm**

**At Crofton School, Marks Road**

This course is open to all parents/carers with a child/ren attending a school within the Crofton Cluster and surrounding areas.

This course is FREE but places are limited, so booking is essential.

**For further details and to book your place please contact Anita Sloan Tel: 07500 700068 Email: [asloan@crofton.hants.sch.uk](mailto:asloan@crofton.hants.sch.uk)**

**NEW Parent Support Drop-ins start after February half term**

**& COMING SOON Anti-bullying workshops**

For details please contact

Lisa Dalglish, Parent Support Adviser

Tel: 07867970024 or email: [lisa.dalglish@hants.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.dalglish@hants.gov.uk)

## Do you need a home computer?



Home Access is a government programme that will help to ensure that more children have access to technology at home to support their learning. The programme aims to provide practical and financial support to families who may not be able to afford a computer or the internet.

Eligible families can apply for The Home Access Grant to purchase a computer and internet package, which includes one year's service and support, pre-set parental controls, installed office productivity suite, firewall and an anti-virus package.

If you are a parent/guardian of a child in **Years 3 to 9** and receive at least one of the following:

- Free School Meals
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and an income of less than £16,040 per year
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act

Telephone the Home Access Helpline for an application form  
**0333 200 1004**

For full details please see the Home Access website:  
**[www.homeaccess.org.uk](http://www.homeaccess.org.uk)**

Need help filling in the application form? Then contact  
Anita Sloan 07500 700068 or email  
[alsoan@crofton.hants.sch.uk](mailto:alsoan@crofton.hants.sch.uk)



Need to improve your IT skills?  
See page 2 for details of how to find a suitable course.

## Made of Money?



*Because money doesn't grow on trees*

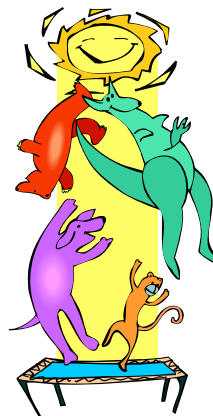
Made of Money focuses on money matters, improving communication and reducing stress about money within families. The 6 week course covers a wide range of topics, including:

- Budgeting, saving and household finances
- Passing positive money values onto children
- Introducing children to money matters in fun and practical ways
- Dealing with stress related to family finances
- How to communicate positively within the family about money worries, responsibilities and aspirations
- Teaching children and young people how to interpret advertising
- Exploring consumerism and the different pressures this can put on us as individuals and families
- Exploring credit options and raising debt awareness

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**L.E.A.P**

*Learn, Enjoy and Achieve through Participation*



**Would your child like to take part in an activity but you need help paying for fees and/or equipment?**

The **L.E.A.P** Advantage Subsidy is part of the Government's commitment to extended services in and around schools. The subsidy provides funding to help ensure that out-of-hours activities are accessible to those pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford them.

Full details of L.E.A.P funding will be available from your child's school and your Extended Services Co-ordinator from March.

## Useful websites for parents

### All parents

*Parentline 0808 800 2222* (open 24 hours a day)  
Round the clock confidential help and advice for all parents and carers.

[www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

[www.gotateenager.org.uk](http://www.gotateenager.org.uk)

### Lone parents

*Lone Parent Helpline 0800 018 5026*

Telephone support for lone parents provided by One Parent Families/Gingerbread.

[www.oneparentfamilies.org.uk](http://www.oneparentfamilies.org.uk)

*One Space*

Online facilitated social networking support for lone parents, provided by the Single Parent Action Network.

[www.onespace.org.uk](http://www.onespace.org.uk)

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### Dads

*Dad's Space* [www.dads-space.com](http://www.dads-space.com)

Info, help and practical advice for all dads. Includes Dad's Space 121—an online space to help fathers stay in contact with their children.

*Dad Talk* [www.dadtalk.co.uk](http://www.dadtalk.co.uk)

A news, information and social networking site for dads everywhere to share and discuss their most important job ever; fatherhood.

### Mums

*Netmums* [www.netmums.com](http://www.netmums.com)

Community-based sites providing information and advice on being a mum with young children.

## Partner schools

Did you know that the Crofton Cluster is part of the Fareham West Partnership. Our partner schools offer a range of **holiday activities** and **adult education** classes that you may be interested in. Please see the individual school websites for details of what is available.

- **Neville Lovett** [www.nevillelovett.hants.sch.uk](http://www.nevillelovett.hants.sch.uk)
- **Henry Cort** [www.henry-cort.hants.sch.uk](http://www.henry-cort.hants.sch.uk)
- **Brookfield** [www.brookfield.hants.sch.uk](http://www.brookfield.hants.sch.uk)



## NEW Wiggle & Giggle

Crofton Community Centre,  
Stubbington

Thursdays, 10.00am—12.00 noon  
£1.00 per session & no need to book

A fun session for babies, from birth to walking, and their parent/carer. Friendly, relaxed atmosphere, singing, rhymes, bubbles and other activities to share and explore together.

## Coming soon

### Stubbington PEEP

Lively, fun and active sessions for one year olds who love to be on the move. Enjoy sharing books, singing rhymes and explore playing with your toddler. Share ideas about routines and why it is important for children to play and explore.

Age range: 1st – 2nd birthday

For details tel: 02392 553816



Stubble Hill Children's Centre  
Elmore Road  
Lee-on-the-Solent  
PO13 9DY  
Enquiries: 02392 553816

## New



## STUBBINGTON SPRINGBOARD GYMNASTICS CLUB

NEW Club at CROFTON SCHOOL on THURSDAYS, 5.00—6.00pm and 6.00—7.00pm. Open to boys and girls in Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4. PLACES ARE LIMITED! For more information and to book a place contact:

Mrs Linda Reeve on 07930856572, or e-mail [stubbingtonspringboardgymnasticsclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stubbingtonspringboardgymnasticsclub@hotmail.co.uk)